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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BUNDESRAT PRESIDENT TO THE U.S.

1. FOR THE INFORMATION OF ADDRESSEES, WE SUMMARIZE IN THIS CABLE THE STATE OF PREPARATION FOR THE VISIT OF BUNDESRAT PRESIDENT DR. BERNHARD VOGEL (WHO IS ALSO MINISTER-PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF RHINELAND-PALATINATE) TO THE U.S. IN SEPTEMBER. THE EMBASSY CLEARED THIS SUMMARY ON JULY 1 WITH DR. PFITZER, DIRECTOR OF THE BUNDESRAT, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY VOGEL TO THE U.S.

2. VOGEL IS PLANNING A BRIEF (I.E., 3-4 DAYS) VISIT ROUGHLY IN THE SEPTEMBER 6-10 PERIOD. HE HAS TWO MAIN OBJECTIVES: (A) TO ATTEND PART OF THE SEPTEMBER 7-9 NATIONAL GOVERNORS CONFERENCE (NGC) IN DETROIT, TO WHICH GOVERNOR ASKEW HAS ALREADY INVITED HIM BY LETTER OF MARCH 21, AND (B) TO SPEND A DAY ON TALKS IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK. CONTRARY TO ORIGINAL PLANS, VOGEL WILL NOT HAVE TIME TO VISIT "SEVERAL" STATES IN THE COURSE OF THIS TRIP NOR WILL HE BE ABLE TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DUE TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECESS.

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3. THE BUNDESRAT WILL PAY FULL COSTS FOR THE TRAVEL OF VOGEL, PFITZER, AND POSSIBLY AN OFFICIAL FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF RHINELAND-PALATINATE. NO WIVES WILL ACCOMPANY; VOGEL HIMSELF IS SINGLE. WE HAVE URGED PFITZER TO REQUEST THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO HAVE THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ARRANGE LOGISTICS FOR THIS VISIT, IN COOPER-

ATION WITH EUR/CE. FOR EXAMPLE, VOGEL SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH BUT WILL NEED AN INTERPRETER FOR HIS TALKS. HE ALSO NEEDS RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOTELS AND SUITABLE APPOINTMENTS.

4. PFITZER HAS REQUESTED TWO ITEMS FROM THE NGC: (A) COPIES OF THE NGC AGENDA FOR THE DETROIT MEETING, AND ANY OTHER NGC BACKGROUND MATERIAL, AND (B) AN INDICATION AS TO WHETHER VOGEL MIGHT MAKE A FEW "BRIEF" REMARKS TO THE CONFERENCE. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT PASS THESE REQUESTS TO STEPHEN B. FARBER, DIRECTOR OF THE NGC. STOESEL

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